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October 1, 2014

Gary Bardini
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
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Subject: Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Drought
Solicitation for the Lahontan Funding Region

Dear Mr. Bardini;

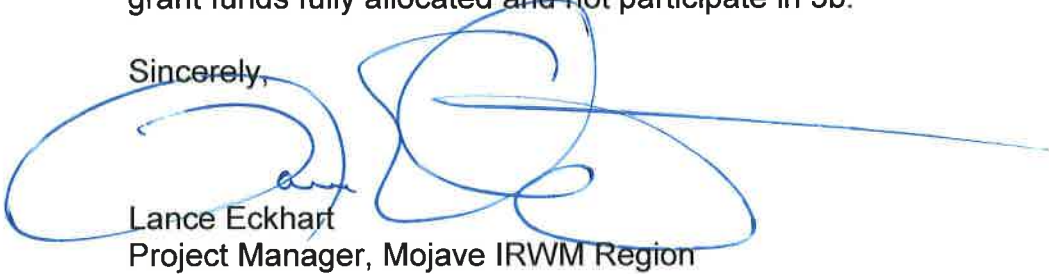
The Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions within the Lahontan Funding Area have been working collaboratively regarding a division of the CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 84 IRWM Program funds and potentially future IRWM grant funds. During July 2014, the IRWMs of the Lahontan Funding Area notified DWR of a proposed methodology of an agreed division of Proposition 84 funds allocated for the funding area, table enclosed. DWR responded to the Lahontan Funding Area on September 15, 2014, acknowledging the proposed method of distributing Proposition 84 funds within the funding area and encouraged the funding area IRWMs to implement the collaborative agreement in future grant solicitations. Copies of the aforementioned correspondence are attached.

The Lahontan Funding Area acknowledges that the Proposition 84 Drought Solicitation (3a) was designated to assist regions within the state that were experiencing acute resource challenges associated with the drought and that some areas of the state are more adversely affected than others in the short term. The Mojave, Tahoe-Sierra and Antelope Valley IRWMs have applied for Proposition 84 funds under 3a in an effort to implement projects that are important to our respective regions as soon as practical. The Mojave, Tahoe-Sierra and Antelope Valley IRWM have each expended considerable resources to prepare a competitive 3a grant application as well as worked closely with our respective stakeholder groups who are anxious to exercise the agreed upon funding area agreement and initiate much needed locally driven water projects. Although the Lahontan Funding Area 3a applications scored competitively statewide, DWR staff 3a funding recommendations understandably appear to focus on funding areas that are experiencing more near-term drought effects.

The Mojave, Tahoe-Sierra and Antelope Valley IRWMs are respectfully requesting that the 3a applications be reconsidered for funding under the current solicitation. We appreciate DWR's efforts to stay under the 200 million dollars cap set by the legislature for 3a, but request the additional \$6.1 million it would take to fully fund all 3 applications in 3a be appropriated now from the Proposition 84 Final Solicitation (3b). Funding the Lahontan Funding Area 3a applications now will eliminate the costly process of reapplying during the Proposition 84 Final Solicitation (3b), maintain local IRWM stakeholder momentum, result in the timely implementation of important water resource projects and more importantly act as a strong show of support for encouraging collaboration within Funding Areas.

The requested grant funds are consistent with the Lahontan Funding Area Proposition 84 fund allocation agreement. If all 3 applications are fully funded, the Mojave, Tahoe-Sierra and Antelope Valley IRWMs will consider their fair share of Proposition 84 IRWM grant funds fully allocated and not participate in 3b.

Sincerely,

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Lance Eckhart
Project Manager, Mojave IRWM Region

Attachments:

1. Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Funding Allocations for the Lahontan Funding Region
 - a. Lahontan Basins IRWM Region
 - b. Tahoe-Sierra IRWM Region
 - c. Inyo-Mono IRWM Region
 - d. Mojave IRWM Region
 - e. Antelope Valley IRWM Region
2. September 15, 2014 DWR Response to Lahontan Funding Area Proposed Allocations

HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

August 14, 2014

Tracie Billington
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Post Office Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

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The Lahontan Basins IRWM Region supports the proposal described above, and has agreed to request only up to the amount of funds allocated to the Region, for the remainder of Proposition 84 grant applications. We believe this proposal will give some certainty to the regions in the Lahontan Funding Area as to the amount of grant funds they can anticipate to receive via Proposition 84. This will help the

regions to more adequately plan for future IRWM projects and programs. We urge DWR to support this proposal, and to award grant funds accordingly.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Tim Keeseey at (530)257-7272 x100 or at info@honeylakevalleyrcd.us.

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Tim Keeseey
Lahontan Basins IRWM

Attachment: Proposal to Allocate Proposition 84 Grant Funds in the Lahontan Funding Area

Cc: Kirby Brill, Mojave IRWM Region
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Mark Drew, Inyo-Mono IRWM Region
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PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE PROPOSITION 84 IRWM GRANT FUNDS IN THE LAHONTAN FUNDING AREA

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*Fremont Valley IRWM Region has indicated they will not be prepared to participate in Prop 84

July 23, 2014

Tracie Billington
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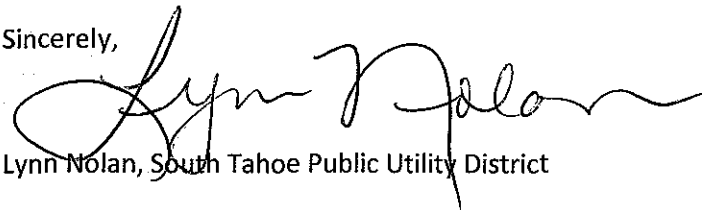
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Lynn Nolan, South Tahoe Public Utility District

Lead Representative, Tahoe Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Partnership

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INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

July 23, 2014

Ms. Tracie Billington
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
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Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Billington:

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If you have any questions, please contact Mark Drew at (760) 709-1492;mdrew@caltrout.org or Holly Alpert at (760) 709-2212;holly@inyo-monowater.org.



Mark Drew, Ph.D.
Eastern Sierra Regional Manager, California Trout
Director, Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program

cc: Fremont Valley IRWM Region (Mike Bevins)
Lahontan Basins IRWM Region (Ian Sims)
Mojave IRWM Region (Kirby Brill)
Tahoe Sierra IRWM Region (Lynn Nolan)
Antelope Valley IRWM Region (Tim Globler)

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July 10, 2014

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GAIL FARBER, Director

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July 3, 2014

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GAIL FARBER
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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This letter is in response to recent correspondence from the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions in the Lahontan Funding Area regarding Proposition 84 IRWM grant funding allocations for that funding area and an August 12, 2014, meeting on the same topic. The various letters and the meeting discussed mutual agreements reached among the IRWM regions in the Lahontan Funding Area regarding equitable allocation of the remaining Proposition 84 IRWM grant funds available for award to this funding area.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is encouraged to hear that the Lahontan IRWM Regions are working to foster inter-IRWM region cooperation and communication. Such inter-regional cooperation is commendable, and informing DWR of these actions is appreciated. DWR looks forward to witnessing the implementation of your mutual agreement in the form of grant requests for future IRWM solicitations. Your agreement should assist your individual regions to focus on quality applications, which should, in turn, help the Lahontan Funding Area achieve successful implementation of needed water management actions.

DWR encourages the Lahontan IRWM regions to continue their cooperative efforts. We welcome opportunities to continue to engage with your regions to identify effective means of fostering and strengthening IRWM planning in the Lahontan Funding Area.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 651-9226 or tracie.billington@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tracie L. Billington".

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